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My recommendation is to hold until Thursday.

Best regards,

Andrew

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Andrew just forwarded a note from Nancy Grantham asking regions to stand down on PRs tomorrow.

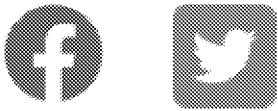
However, she said if something needs to go out tomorrow, we should contact her.

KC/Andrea: If we don't get DOJ concurrence by COB today, is it okay to hold this until Thursday or do you want us to ask Nancy for the OK to issue tomorrow?

Have a wonderful day...be well...and be safe!

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Thanks Rich, the highlighted language in the quote is awkward.

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Hi Deb- please see the attached draft press release for your review and awareness, developed by KC and team in conjunction with DOJ. I understand this settlement may lodge as early as this afternoon; we are awaiting final DOJ concurrence and notice of lodging. We also shared with OPA/OECA last week, understand Susan Bodine has reviewed and concurred, have not heard from OPA.

My current inclination is to send this tomorrow—providing advance notice to Utah and congressionals. (Andrew and I will make sure OPA is ok with us sending PR on Inauguration day.)

Re: your quote: We typically don't issue press releases with attribution to multiple EPA principals, however if DOJ doesn't insert one we could probably retain yours as a supplement to Susan's. Please let me know if you have any changes or edits.

Thanks in advance.

Rich
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